

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 35(37)

1766 (reset 1902)

Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania

Public/private

Milestone No. 35(37), an original crownstone of 1766, marks Mason and Dixon's 35th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, a parallel of latitude and the longest of their survey lines run and marked to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. This crownstone, as with all original West Line monuments, is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and originally measuring about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground. The shield of the Penn coat of arms faces north (Pennsylvania) and that of the Calvert family faces south (Maryland). Reset in 1902 to stand about 1½' high during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, No. 35(37) remains in fair condition, unaltered and in its original survey point. By now, extreme weathering has taken its toll on the top and north sides, though both shields remain clear and distinct. Most fluting but no margins remain; all surfaces are chipped, especially along the edges and corners; and the top is now dome-shaped rather than pyramidal. On the federal and state levels, this crownstone is significant primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along the West Line, the boundary commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 17 original monuments remaining along the present Harford/York county boundary (3 crownstones, 14 milestones), this crownstone is also significant as being amongst the few and diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 35th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 35 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 37)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off east side of Fawn Grove Road (MD 163/PA 124)

CITY, TOWN

Fawn Grove

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 2 / PA: 19

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Harford / PA: York

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☒ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS N/A

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☒ ACCESSIBLE☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER state boundary marker**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A

(see surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Harford County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

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☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 35(37) marks Mason and Dixon's 35th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original crownstone, unaltered but in only fair condition, and at its original site, reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is predominantly rural, with scattered modest farms at the south edge of the town of Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania. The site is within Harford County's Election District 4, York County's Fawn Grove Township; about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south-southeast of the center of the town of Fawn Grove; about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the scattered crossroads settlement of Markins, Maryland; about 800' east of Fawn Grove Road; against (on north side of) an old barbed wire fence ^{east-west} between the Heston (on south side) and Shanbarger (on north side) fields. It cannot be seen from any road, but rather easily from nearby, all seasons, and is fairly well protected by the site and fencing.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an embellished, oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, and was quarried and carved in England, originally measuring about 12" square by about $4\frac{1}{2}$ ' in length, cut to stand about 3' above ground. It was reset in 1902 more securely, to stand about $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' high, and remains approximately this same height today. As a crownstone, the Penn family shield is on the north (Pennsylvania) side, distinct but the surface is ^{and unusually} badly weatherworn; and the Calvert family shield is on the south (Maryland) side, much more distinct, and with more of the fluting exposed. Only a few patches of fluting remain on the east and west sides, and no margins on any of the four sides. The top is rounded from extreme weathering, and no planes remain. There are chips along all edges and corners.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Fawn Grove (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series,
scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 37580, northing 439759

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY York

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

(site surveyed by
4/5/80 Jean Ewing)

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 35(37)

FAWN GROVE QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1956 PHOTOREV. 1974 SCALE: 1"=2000'





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South & East sides
(CALVERT COAT OF ARMS/-)

Mason & Dixon west line ^{1/2} mile stone 35 (37)

PHOTO:

JEAN E wing 5 April 80 (NEG # 224)



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1147

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Mason & Dixon west line: stone #¹¹⁴⁷35
(37)

North & West sides
(PENN COAT OF ARMS / -)

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1147 using 5 April 80 (NEG #20A)